WHY A TREE?

"We have at least made a start on discovering the meaning of human life when we plant shade trees under which we know full well we will never sit."

D. Elton Trueblood

Quaker theologian and author



Jefferson High School Ecology Class Planting trees on Sagamore Parkway near Staley, 2004.





Planting and Promoting a Healthy Community

Vision Statement:

TreeLafayette by creating an awareness and desire for a tree covered community thereby becoming a premier city for urban forestry in the nation.

Mission statement:

"TreeLafayette serves our community by providing the leadership and inspiration to engage the community in the activity of planting trees. We are a source of knowledge and information regarding the value that trees provide to the urban setting. We are committed to urban beautification, a healthy environment, and a sustainable quality of life that the urban forest provides".



Tree Lafayette Volunteers

1915 Scott Street Lafayette, Indiana 47904

Students Volunteer



Pictured above: Three high schools participating in planting trees on Sagamore Parkway in 2006.

President's message:

An urban tree is like a baby. It grows up extremely slow, and must be nurtured in order to survive and grow to maturity. During the past sixteen years, the Lafayette Tree Fund (aka) Tree Lafayette with the leadership of Arlan N. Stavnheim, past president and the board of Directors, raised more than \$150,000, planted over 1000 trees and shrubs, pruned 4,500 trees, provided thousands of gallons of water, mulched hundreds of trees, and sprayed for insects. Quite a feat for a small cadre of volunteers.

Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Our goal is not to change the world, but to help make the Lafayette Community a better place to live and to raise a family.

Q. Can you live without trees? A. No!

Larry L. Rose, President



Sagamore Parkway-planted 2002

Lafayette-West Lafayette Urban Forestry Endowment

The City is looking for ways to balance the budget, raise revenue, cut costs, and merge functions of service. During the interim, the trees of our County need care, both now and in the future. We do not know the next disease that will prey upon our trees: The Emerald Ash Bore today; the Dutch Elm disease of yesterday, and the Chestnut blight many years ago.

Tree Lafayette and West Lafayette Tree Fund decided to create an Urban Forestry Endowment , a fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. The endowment can distribute funds to any 501-C-3 organization to plant and maintain trees in right of ways. Please bequeath some of your wealth to the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with a memo "Urban Trees." Trees stabilize neighborhoods., help reduce crime, fight pollution, cool the environment, gives us air to breath, and help our culture.



Thank you volunteers. With your help, Lafayette is a better place to live. Arbor Day 2008. www.treelafayette.org

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Contribute to our future:	Dues
Terrific Tulip	\$10-24
Great Gingko	\$25-49
Beautiful Beech	\$50-99
Elegant Elm	\$100-249
Spreading Sycamore	\$250-499
Majestic Maple	\$500-999
Mighty Oak	\$1000 +
Lafayette-West Lafayette Urban Forestry Fund at The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette	Total:
Name	
Address	
E-mail Address	
Phone	

Operations:

Method of Payment to Tree Lafayette, 1915 Scott Street, Lafayette, Indiana 47904

Endowment:

Make checks payable to Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette 1114 State Street Lafayette, In. 47905-1219 In the memo...Urban Trees

